

Good-bye to a dream — we quit

We have had a week-end of hell, here.

The elk were through again, breaking our fences, allowing our cattle and horses out. We had some 30 head of livestock outside of the pasture fields. They have been out on the road and in our hay fields. There are electric fences broke and strung all over.

With a combination of the elk and wind and rain spooking our horses and cattle, they are reluctant to be rounded up and remain outside the pasture until we're able to get the fences fixed. We've attempted to corral them inside, but to no avail. They are spooked and are running from one hay field to the next and will not leave them.

Dave has left messages with every MNR contact he has. He has asked for game wardens and any MNR staff available to help us with this nightmare the MNR has created. Nobody

has responded to our pleas for help.

It is now 10:30 a.m. Monday morning. With no relief in sight, Dave and I have decided to contact a trucking firm and try to round up our cattle and ship them to the sale barn. I guess the MNR has succeeded in putting another hard-working farmer out of business and destroyed a life-long dream.

**Dave & Penny Parks
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Pipe pollutes Springbrook Creek

I had a petition signed by the public from Prescott-Russell Counties with a total of 900 signatures asking to protect the spring water and the Springbrook Creek for the present and future generations.

Last year, the public visiting Springbrook Creek found out that there was some polluted water coming in from a pipe and the ditch beside it. Now the

public wants to know why the Township of Alfred-Plantagenet put a pipe right under Route 16, from Concession 9, right to Springbrook Creek. The public is very concerned about the polluted water coming from the pipe and the ditch. The public wants all that polluted water to be diverted from the natural spring water because that spring water is good to drink and it can supply an entire community.

**John Balasa
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